GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
LOK SABHA

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Siddha System of Medicine
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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Siddha system of medicine is popular in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof including the names of the countries where Siddha system of medicine or similar system of medicine is practised;

(b) the details regarding cooperation and coordination with these countries in the Research and Development in the Siddha system of medicine; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to popularize the Siddha system of medicine in the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE(IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Yes. Siddha System of Medicine is popular in foreign countries and is being practiced in Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore, who have sizeable population of Tamil origin. In Malaysia, the Government regulates Siddha practice under Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM). Undergraduate courses in Siddha are being imparted in Sri Lanka by University of Jaffna having a Siddha department and also by Trincomalee Campus affiliated to Eastern University. Similar type of herbal/traditional medicines are being practiced worldwide especially in countries like − China, Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, etc .

(b) The Ministry of AYUSH has signed Country to Country Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Malaysia for Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine including Siddha. Under the MoU, besides, an Ayurveda practitioner and two therapists, Ministry of AYUSH, has deputed a Siddha expert to Malaysia under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to provide Siddha treatment including Varmam therapy at the 'Sungai Buloh Hospital' near Kuala Lumpur for a period of one year. He has joined the Hospital on July 5, 2017.
Central Council for Research in Siddha has developed a module for Varmam therapy and provided to Government of Malaysia to establish and propagate the specialty therapies in Siddha System of Medicine in Malaysia. Experts have also been deputed to Sri Lanka for the curriculum revision at Trincomalee Campus, Sri Lanka.

(c) Under the Central Sector Scheme of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) of the Ministry of AYUSH, various steps including organization of Arogya Fairs/ Melas, Conferences, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops, Symposium and publicity, through electronic multimedia, print media campaigning, etc. are taken for propagation and promotion of AYUSH Systems of Medicine including Siddha to create awareness amongst the citizens all over the country.